



# NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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**March 25, 2026**

*Via email* Sunny Farmahan, Anthony Hunter, and Latina Sisco, ARDOT  
Joel Gardner and Mindy Campbell, Ozark Regional Transit  
Ronisha Hodge, FTA  
Tim Conklin, Tim Reavis, and Cristina Scarlet, NWARPC

**RE: NARTS FFY 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #4 APPROVAL**

All:

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), in conjunction with Ozark Regional Transit (ORT) Authority, the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have determined an amendment to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary to include changes to the ORT FTA 5307 categorical distribution of FFY 2024 funding.

The NARTS TIP and the Arkansas and Missouri STIPs list projects for roadway, bridge, safety, intersection improvement, and transit projects. The NARTS TIP is consistent with the NWA 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Arkansas and Missouri STIPs are consistent with their Statewide Long-Range Plans. The NARTS TIP is a component of the STIPs, and as such, the projects, funding amounts, categories, FFY, etc., must match the STIPs.

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:** In accordance with NWARPC's Public Participation Plan, notification was published in the Democrat Gazette on Sunday, March 8, 2026; the La Prensa Libre on Wednesday, March 11, 2026; the McDonald County Press on Thursday, March 12, 2026; and online at [www.nwarpc.org/public-notifications/](http://www.nwarpc.org/public-notifications/). A public comment period for TIP Amendment #4 began on Monday, March 9, 2026 and ran through Monday, March 23, 2026. Written comments were encouraged via email or using the comment tab on the NWARPC website. No public comments were received.

**RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL:** In accordance with NWARPC's Public Participation Plan, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a hybrid, in-person and virtual, meeting on March 19, 2026 and recommended the TIP Amendment #4 for approval. The RPC/Policy Committee held a hybrid, in-person and virtual, meeting on March 25, 2026 and approved Resolution #2026-07 Amending the NARTS FFY 2025-2028 TIP.

This approval letter, including Resolution #2026-07, has been incorporated into the NARTS FFY 2025-2028 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications on the website, which can be viewed at [www.nwarpc.org/transportation/transportation-improvement-program/](http://www.nwarpc.org/transportation/transportation-improvement-program/).

Thank you for your assistance in this endeavor. Please contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,  
*Nicole Gibbs*

Nicole Gibbs, AICP  
Assistant Director/Transportation Programs Manager

Enclosed:  
NWARPC Resolution #2026-07

**RESOLUTION #2026-07**

**AMENDING THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (NARTS)  
FFY 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

**WHEREAS**, Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) is the officially designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Designated Recipient for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO Urban Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO is charged with the responsibility of developing and administering the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS); and

**WHEREAS**, the NWARPC, in conjunction with Ozark Regional Transit (ORT) Authority, the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have determined an amendment to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary to include changes to the ORT FTA 5307 categorical distribution of FFY 2024 funding (NARTS02 & NARTS14); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the adopted NWARPC Public Participation Plan, this TIP amendment was made available for public comment from March 9, 2026, through March 23, 2026.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:**

That the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as outlined in **Exhibit A** attached hereto.

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026.**

  
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Mayor Doug Sprouse, Chairman  
Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission

ATTEST:   
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EXHIBIT A

2025-2028 NARTS TIP AMEND. #4

JOB	COUNTY	ROUTE	TERMINI	LENGTH	TYPE WORK	ESTIMATED COST Funding Breakdown (in thousands)	AGENCY CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT	FFY	MPO
<b>ADD:</b>									
NARTS14			Capital – Support Equip. and Facilities	-	Transit	21 - TOTAL 17 - FTA-5307 4 - Local	Local-ORT	2026	NARTS
FFY 2024 apportioned funds used in FFY 2026; includes Rehab/Renovate-Admin/Maint Facility (ALI 11.44.03)									
<b>WAS:</b>									
NARTS02			Capital - Preventive Maintenance	-	Transit	689 - TOTAL 551 - FTA-5307 138 - Local	Local-ORT	2026	NARTS
FFY 2024 apportioned funds used in FFY 2026									
<b>CHANGED TO:</b>									
NARTS02			Capital - Preventive Maintenance	-	Transit	668 - TOTAL 534 - FTA-5307 134 - Local	Local-ORT	2026	NARTS
FFY 2024 apportioned funds used in FFY 2026									